

**SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PROTECTING A COMPUTING SYSTEM FROM
HARMFUL ACTIVE CONTENT IN DOCUMENTS****ABSTRACT**

Described are a system and method for protecting a computing device from potentially harmful code in a document. One or more definitions of potentially harmful active content are provided in an editable text file. The document is compared with each definition of potentially harmful active content in the editable text file to identify potentially harmful active content within the

5 document. The document is modified to render harmless any identified potentially harmful active content before presenting the document to the computing device.